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Congressional Inquiries:

Rep. Emanuel Cleaver (Mo.) 10/29/13. Recommendation for an EPA position. Due: 11/13/13.
Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

Sen. Deb Fischer (Neb.) 10/29/13. Concerns regarding the process and training of licensed EPA building inspectors. Due: 11/13/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

Sen. Claire McCaskill (Mo.) 9/23/13. Subcontractor complaints of payments not received for work done for lead removal at North County Schools in St. Francois County. Due: 10/9/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

State Government Inquiries:

None

Press Inquiries:

None

Environmental Stories:

Fort Dodge Messenger (Iowa) - Miller talks Iowa ag issues | Representative muses on 'big fight' in

session - 11/8/13 - For Iowa farmers, the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy will be an issue they'll live with the rest of their farming careers, an issue that started last year during the 2012 Iowa Legislative session. <http://www.messengernews.net/page/content.detail/id/571029/Miller-talks-iowa-ag-issues.html>

Daily Nebraskan (UNL) - UNL athletics makes big strides toward going green - 11/8/13 - University of Nebraska-Lincoln athletics is going green – not just for a better gameday environment, but for a better environment overall. http://www.dailynebraskan.com/news/article_a717ab84-482f-11e3-b823-0019bb30f31a.html

Ozarks Public Radio - Sierra Club, Citizens Call for Safer Practices Ahead of Proposed Landfill Meeting - 11/7/13 - The Sierra Club says approval of a new coal ash landfill in Springfield could lead to contaminated ground water that citizens rely on for consumption. <http://ksmu.org/article/sierra-club-citizens-call-safer-practices-ahead-proposed-landfill-meeting-71688>

The News-Leader, Springfield, Mo. - Coal ash meeting sparks debate - 11/7/13 - Two sides in the debate over the expansion of City Utilities' coal ash landfill battled Thursday for the public's attention even though efforts to expand are still in the early stages. <http://www.news-leader.com/article/20131107/NEWS01/311070109/Sierra-Club-demonstrates-against-coal-ash-landfill-expansion-ahead-of-meeting>

Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier (Iowa) - New Hartford receives funds for municipal water project - 11/7/13 - The Iowa Finance Authority and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources last week announced water projects in a number of communities will benefit from more than \$34 million in low-cost loans through the state's revolving fund. http://wcfcourier.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/new-hartford-receives-funds-for-municipal-water-project/article_0a6a0b9b-68e7-51ac-a6d2-c0dbecdf9a4b.html

Southeast Missourian - Congressman says EPA emission proposals are too costly - 11/7/13 - Jackson's mayor and employees of the city's power plant outlined Thursday to U.S. Rep. Jason Smith recent spending of taxpayer money they say was forced by Environmental Protection Agency regulations. <http://www.semissourian.com/story/2021963.html>

Associated Press - Missouri sets tougher clean-water rules - 11/7/13 - The Missouri Clean Water Commission has approved new water quality rules that bolster protection for rivers and lakes and bring the state closer to compliance with the federal Clean Water Act. <http://www.kansascity.com/2013/11/07/4605164/missouri-sets-tougher-clean-water.html>

Topeka Capital-Journal - Wind energy transmission line OK'd; 2,340 jobs expected - 11/7/13 - A plan to build 600-kilovolt transmission line can move forward along the developer's chosen route, the Kansas Corporation Commission ordered Thursday. <http://cjonline.com/news/business/2013-11-07/wind->

[energy-transmission-line-okd-2340-jobs-expected](#)

Associated Press – No Big New Issues Found at Fort Calhoun Nuke Plant – 11/7/13 - The latest tests performed on an idle nuclear power plant near Omaha revealed no significant new issues. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the utility that owns Fort Calhoun nuclear power plant released the test results Thursday. http://journalstar.com/news/state-and-regional/nebraska/no-big-new-issues-found-at-fort-calhoun-nuke-plant/article_c241d709-8d99-5ae4-abff-d8ac328cf0f5.html

The Hill (blog) - States file brief against EPA rules - 11/7/13 - Nine states (including Missouri) are lining up against the Obama administration in an upcoming Supreme Court case over contentious environmental regulations. <http://thehill.com/blogs/regwatch/court-battles/189650-states-file-brief-against-epa-rules>

Des Moines Register - Sustainable ag expert: Food system 'racing to its destruction' - 11/7/13 - The global food system is like the Titanic, warned a speaker at the National Conference for Women in Sustainable Agriculture in Des Moines. <http://blogs.desmoinesregister.com/dmr/index.php/2013/11/07/sustainable-ag-expert-food-system-racing-to-its-destruction/>

National Journal - EPA, Are You Listening? - 11/7/13 - Both backers and critics of President Obama's climate-change rules pushed their talking points during the Environmental Protection Agency's public listening session at its D.C. headquarters today. yes, EPA is listening. You just may not be able to hear it if you're not invited to the especially important meetings where EPA listens the most. <http://www.nationaljournal.com/energy-edge/epa-are-you-listening-20131107>

Dallas Morning News - EPA pollution meeting yields sharply different views - 11/7/13 - With the two sides staked out on the edges at what the EPA called "a public listening session" on future regulations for existing power plants, there was little middle ground to be found. <http://www.dallasnews.com/news/community-news/dallas/headlines/20131107-epa-pollution-meeting-yields-sharply-different-views.ece>

Environmental Law Professor (blog) - Standing to Challenge EPA's Coal-Fired Power Plant Regulations - 11/7/13 - Thus, it is not clear to me that EPA would be better off with a putatively favorable ruling on standing now that leaves a latent industry challenge to the regulations out there waiting to ripen, rather than a ruling that allows a suit now and bars future suits. http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/environmental_law/2013/11/stand.html

Ag Web - Eastern Nebraska Conditions Improve; Pastures Get a Break - 11/7/13 - While the monitor still shows dry areas across the state, the soil moisture profile is well on its way to being full again.

http://www.agweb.com/article/eastern_nebraska_conditions_improve_pastures_get_a_break_NAA_Tyne_Morgan/

Wichita Business Journal - Westar Energy to expand wind energy portfolio with deal in Oklahoma -

11/8/13 - Westar Energy Inc. is expanding its alternative energy portfolio. The utility on Wednesday announced to purchase 200 megawatts of electricity from Apex Clean Energy, power that will be generated from a wind farm that Apex will build 6 miles south of Arkansas City, in northern Oklahoma. <http://www.bizjournals.com/wichita/news/2013/11/07/westar-energy-to-expand-wind-energy.html>

Associated Press - DOE Awards \$84M for 18 Carbon-Capture Projects - 11/7/13 - The Energy Department said Thursday it has awarded \$84 million to 18 projects across the country to help limit carbon dioxide emissions from coal-fired power plants. <http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/wireStory/doe-awards-84m-18-carbon-capture-projects-20817885>

Bloomberg - Canadian Oil Companies Trail on Environmental Disclosure - 11/7/13 - Canada's biggest energy companies including Suncor Energy Inc. (SU) and Imperial Oil Ltd. (IMO) are trailing global peers in reporting environmental performance as scrutiny of the oil sands intensifies. <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-11-08/canadian-oil-companies-trail-on-environmental-disclosure.html>

Christian Science Monitor - Clean energy in big business: How to make it happen - 11/8/13 - Major companies more than ever before are driving the transition to renewable energy, but that effort is not without hurdles. Seif and Baker offer lessons learned from overcoming the challenges of making big business go green. <http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/Energy-Voices/2013/1108/Clean-energy-in-big-business-How-to-make-it-happen>

E&E Daily - Green groups pledge to torpedo Hagan sportsmen's bill over lead ammo - 11/8/13 - Some environmental groups are vowing to defeat a package of hunting, angling and conservation bills by Sen. Kay Hagan (D-N.C.) over a provision that would prohibit U.S. EPA from regulating lead in ammunition or fishing tackle. <http://www.eenews.net/eedaily/stories/1059990190/feed>

Greenwire - EPA power plant regs add urgency for CCS -- Moniz - 11/7/13 - President Obama's plan to tackle climate change and U.S. EPA's rulemaking to limit greenhouse gas emissions from new and existing power plants are adding urgency to secure the broad implementation and commercial availability of carbon capture technologies. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059990153/feed>

Greenwire - House Republicans say rulemaking shouldn't precede the science - 11/7/13 - House Science, Space and Technology Chairman Lamar Smith (R-Texas) is continuing to raise concerns that the Obama administration's rulemaking aimed at clarifying which marshes, bogs and streams fall under the protection of the Clean Water Act is preceding the science.

<http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059990149/feed>

Greenwire - EPA's all ears at D.C. listening session - 11/7/13 - The Senate's top Republican was among more than 200 people signed up to speak today at U.S. EPA's daylong listening session in Washington, D.C., on upcoming climate regulations for existing power plants.

<http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059990158/feed>

San Antonio Business Journal - Energy companies are not transparent enough on fracking risks, study says - 11/7/13 - Energy companies — including Exxon Mobil Corp. and BP Plc — aren't providing shareholders enough data on efforts to curb risks from their hydraulic fracturing operations, according to a study released this afternoon. <http://www.bizjournals.com/sanantonio/blog/eagle-ford-shale-insight/2013/11/energy-companies-are-not-transparent.html>

ClimateWire - DOE secretary says carbon capture and storage is 'ready' at world meeting - 11/8/13 - Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz said yesterday that his department "perhaps could do more" to boost carbon capture and storage (CCS) development but emphasized that the "technology is ready" to meet U.S. EPA's proposed greenhouse gas standard.

<http://www.eenews.net/climatewire/2013/11/08/stories/1059990199>

Greenwire - EPA's all ears at D.C. listening session - 11/7/13 - The Senate's top Republican was among more than 200 people signed up to speak today at U.S. EPA's daylong listening session in Washington, D.C., on upcoming climate regulations for existing power plants.

<http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2013/11/07/stories/1059990158>

Greenwire - State board agrees to comply with Clean Water Act - 11/7/13 - The Missouri Clean Water Commission yesterday agreed to update the state's water protection standards to make rivers, streams and lakes safer for recreation and wildlife in compliance with the Clean Water Act.

<http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2013/11/07/stories/1059990141>

ClimateWire - Does nuclear power have a place in a low-carbon future? Friends and foes weigh in - 11/8/13 - The process used to generate electricity from decaying nuclear fuel creates a laundry list of toxic and radioactive byproducts along with plutonium, a man-made element that can be used to make nuclear weapons. <http://www.eenews.net/climatewire/2013/11/08/stories/1059990176>

Environmental Leader - Levi's Process Combines Sustainable Design, Environmental Practices - 11/8/13 - Levi Strauss & Co. has debuted a process for responsible sourcing that the company says combines sustainable design, environmental practices and apparel worker well-being.

<http://www.environmentalleader.com/2013/11/08/levis-process-combines-sustainable-design-environmental-practices/>

Brownfield Ag News - Vilsack: 'I don't know what EPA is going to do with RFS' (+audio) - 11/8/13 -
During the question and answer portion of his recent speech at the Rural Futures Conference in Lincoln, Nebraska, U.S. Ag Secretary Tom Vilsack was asked if he had any insight into what the Environmental Protection Agency is planning to do with the corn-ethanol volume requirement in the Renewable Fuels Standard. <http://brownfieldagnews.com/2013/11/08/vilsack-i-epa-rfs/>

Sacramento Bee - Chemical in antibacterial hand soaps poses health risks, scientists say - 11/8/13 -
The onset of flu season brings with it a rise in the use of antibacterial hand soaps. Many such soaps contain triclosan – a chemical that studies have shown affects the function of heart muscle and has been implicated in altering thyroid function in lab animal studies.
<http://www.sacbee.com/2013/11/07/5891628/chemical-in-antibacterial-hand.html>

CNN - Opinion: Don't trade global warming for nuclear meltdowns - 11/8/13 - The climate change crisis is upon us. The world's leading climate scientists agree that time is rapidly running out and that urgent steps are needed in the next 10 years to dramatically reduce our carbon emissions. But exchanging global warming for nuclear meltdown is not the answer.
<http://www.cnn.com/2013/11/07/opinion/pandora-nuclear-gunter-kamps/>

Environmental Leader - EPA Chemical Assessment 'Should Take Data-Driven Approach' - 11/8/13 -
The EPA's draft plan to assess inorganic arsenic risks should take greater advantage of the data that exists on the chemical to reach evidence-based conclusions, says a report from the National Research Council. <http://www.environmentalleader.com/2013/11/08/epa-chemical-assessment-should-take-data-driven-approach/>

BNA - EPA Power Plant Rule Would Prove Costly To Coal, McConnell, Industry Groups Say - 11/8/13 -
Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), industry groups and labor unions expressed concerns with the Environmental Protection Agency's intention to regulate carbon dioxide emissions from existing fossil fuel-fired power plants during an agency "listening session" in Washington, D.C.
http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=37990236&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e3b6e7e5&split=0

BNA - Water Groups Say EPA Should Withdraw Requirement for Lead-Free Fire Hydrants - 11/8/13 -
Four water associations call on the EPA to withdraw language in a drinking water law requiring that fire hydrants be lead-free.
http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=37990234&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e3b6d8a6&split=0

BNA - Energy Department Development of Carbon Capture Takes on 'Urgency,' Moniz Says - 11/8/13 -
The Energy Department's effort to develop carbon capture and sequestration technologies has taken on "a degree of urgency" as the Environmental Protection Agency moves forward with limits on

carbon dioxide from power plants, Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz said Nov. 7.

http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=37990237&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e3b6f1n5&split=0

BNA - Water, Sewer Utilities Look for New Lines Of Business to Adjust Economically - 11/8/13 -

Water utilities look beyond traditional water delivery, sewage treatment to generate additional revenue and provide additional services.

http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=37990207&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e3a7q2w9&split=0

Inside EPA - States Drop Effort To Agree On 'Principles' For EPA's NSPS For Power Plants -

11/7/13 - The Environmental Council of the States (ECOS) has dropped its effort to craft consensus "principles" for how states believe EPA should craft greenhouse gas (GHG) limits for existing power plants. <http://insideepa.com/201311082452265/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/states-drop-effort-to-agree-on-principles-for-epas-nsps-for-power-plants/menu-id-95.html>

Inside EPA - Industry Cautions EPA Against Overreach In Existing Power Plant GHG Rule - 11/7/13 -

Industry groups are broadly warning EPA not to go too far when it proposes a rule next year to set performance standards to limit greenhouse gases (GHGs) at existing power plants.

<http://insideepa.com/201311072452203/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/industry-cautions-epa-against-overreach-in-existing-power-plant-ghg-rule/menu-id-95.html>

Inside EPA - Obama Taps Key EPA Adviser To Head ORD - 11/7/13 - President Obama intends to nominate Thomas Burke, a professor at Johns Hopkins University and a long-time EPA science advisor, to lead the agency's Office of Research & Development (ORD).

<http://insideepa.com/201311082452263/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/obama-taps-key-epa-adviser-to-head-ord/menu-id-97.html>

Inside EPA - UNEP Finds United States Not Achieving GHG Targets - 11/8/13 - A new report by the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) on the "emissions gap" between greenhouse gas (GHG) cuts nations have pledged to make and what they have actually achieved finds the United States is not on target to meet a 20 percent cut from 2005 levels by 2020. <http://insideepa.com/201311082452300/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/unep-finds-united-states-not-achieving-ghg-targets/menu-id-97.html>

Inside EPA - Utilities May Face Legal Standing Hurdle For NSPS Suits - 11/8/13 - Utilities may face difficulties demonstrating they have legal standing to file suit over EPA's new source performance standard (NSPS) to limit greenhouse gases (GHGs) from future power plants.

<http://insideepa.com/201311082452304/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/utilities-may-face-legal-standing-hurdle-for-nsps-suits/menu-id-97.html>

Inside EPA - EPA Water Chief Pushes Technology Innovation - 11/7/13 - Acting EPA water chief

Nancy Stoner is urging water technology and financial professionals to develop innovative ways to reduce pollution faster and cheaper while using less energy to solve a range of water-related problems. <http://insideepa.com/201311072452189/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/epa-water-chief-pushes-technology-innovation/menu-id-97.html>

Inside EPA - OMB Says Shutdown Halted Waste Cleanups, Energy Exploration - 11/7/13 - The October government shutdown led to cleanup delays at over 1,200 Superfund sites and cost EPA about 167,000 hours of productivity, while temporarily halting hundreds of energy-exploration projects. <http://cleanenergyreport.com/201311072452202/Clean-Energy-Report-Documents/Text-Document/omb-says-shutdown-halted-waste-cleanups-energy-exploration/menu-id-203.html>

Inside EPA - House Readies Offer For New EPA Water Funding Pilot Ahead Of Senate Talks

- 11/8/13 - House lawmakers are preparing to offer a plan for creating a new pilot EPA water infrastructure loan program as part of upcoming talks with the Senate to reconcile the two chambers' competing bills authorizing Army Corps projects. <http://insideepa.com/201311082452317/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/house-readies-offer-for-new-epa-water-funding-pilot-ahead-of-senate-talks/menu-id-95.html>

Inside EPA - DOE Carbon Capture Project Funding May Aid Global Bid To Boost CCS - 11/8/13 - The Department of Energy's (DOE) plan to invest millions in new research projects aiming to drive down the costs of capturing carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions could help boost a recently released agreement by the United States and 22 other countries. <http://cleanenergyreport.com/201311082452313/Clean-Energy-Report-Daily-News/News/doe-carbon-capture-project-funding-may-aid-global-bid-to-boost-ccs/menu-id-202.html>

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

* New additions noted with an asterisk

***11/13/13** – Native American Heritage Month Event, Regional Office. Contact: Alex Owutaka, 7584

11/14/13 – National Association of Farm Broadcasting Trade Talk, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

***11/14/13** – SUPR All Hands Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Jaci Ferguson, 7310

***11/15/13** – Meet and Greet with Colonel Andrew Sexton, US Army Corps of Engineers, Regional Office. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

***11/15/13** – National Association of Farm Broadcasters – Drought Resilience Partnership Rollout, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

12/3/13 – SES National Executive Leadership Development Conference, Washington DC. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

12/9/13 – Region 7 Senior Management Retreat, National Archives at Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Wendy Lubbe, 7551

12/16/13 – Interagency Environmental Leadership Council, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Ron Hammerschmidt, 7566

12/18/13 – Missouri Agribusiness Association Annual Convention, Columbia, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

12/19/13 – Four State Directors Meeting, Regional Office, Wendy Lubbe, 7551

DRA:

11/14/13 – Environmental Protection in Indian Country Training, Regional Office. Contact: Jane Kloeckner, 7235

11/14/13 – National Association of Farm Broadcasting Trade Talk, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

***11/14/13** – SUPR All Hands Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Jaci Ferguson, 7310

***11/15/13** – Meet and Greet with Colonel Andrew Sexton, US Army Corps of Engineers, Regional Office. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

12/5-6/13 – Executive Management Council, Washington DC. Contact: Dana Peters, 7444

12/9/13 – Region 7 Senior Management Retreat, National Archives at Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Wendy Lubbe, 7551

12/19/13 – Four State Directors Meeting, Regional Office, Wendy Lubbe, 7551

RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events

AWMD

11/08/2013 – Presenting at the Green Chemistry Conference, Springfield, Mo. Contact: Pat Reitz, 7674.

11/12/2013 – Participating in Radon workshop for Medical Professionals, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Contact: Bob Dye, 7605.

11/12-13/2013 – Hosting Region 7 Solid Waste Program Directors meeting, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Jim Callier, 7646.

11/13/2013 – Participating in Radon workshop for the Public, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Contact: Bob Dye, 7605.

11/13/2013 – Hosting outreach session with Kansas Utilities on Carbon Pollution Standards, Lenexa, Kan. Contact: Mark Smith 7876.

11/19-20/2013 – Hosting the RMP codes and standards training, Regional Office. Contact Patrick Bustos, 7969.

11/20-21/2013 – Hosting Pollution Prevention Roundtable, Kansas City, Mo. Contact; Jim Callier, 7646.

11/21/2013 – Attending the Missouri Air Conservation Commission meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Amy Bhesania, 7147.

12/12/2013 – Attending outreach session with Iowa Utilities on Carbon Pollution Standards, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Mark Smith, 7876

CNSL

None

ECO/EJ

11/14-15/13 – Carter Carburetor Public Meeting, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Pamela Johnson, 7480

11/13-15/13 – Santee Sioux Healthy Homes Training, Niobrara, Neb. Contact: Karim Dawani, 7289

12/4 – 12/6/13 – Senior Enforcement Managers Meeting, Washington, DC. Contact: DeAndré Singletary, 7373

ENSV

None

PLMG

11/13/13 - State of Missouri Regional Certification Committee Business Networking Reception, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Chester Stovall, 7549

11/13/13 – Greening America's Capitals Public Meeting, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Tegan Vaughn, 7326

11/19/13 - Federal Executive Board Annual Small Business Roundtable Meeting, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Chester Stovall, 7549

11/19/13 - Federal Executive Board and Chamber of Commerce Small Business Planning Meeting, Kansas City, MO. Contact: Chester Stovall, 7549

11/21/13 - GovFest Government Business Services Conference, Overland Park, KS. Contact: Chester Stovall, 7549

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None

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11/20-22/13: Oversight of pre-construction activities West Lake Landfill, Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

11/20/13: Public availability session to discuss DOD vapor intrusion investigation St. Louis Ordnance Plant, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

WWPD

11/18/13 - National Capacity Development & Operator Certification Workshop, Atlanta, Ga. Contact: Bob

Dunlevy, 7798